PINE GROSBEAK (male and female)

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No. 35 Pine Grosbeak

The pine grosbeak belongs to the great evergreen forests of the Northland from Maine to Alaska. This region is its real home, although it is an erratic winter visitant throughout the northern portion of the eastern United States, coming in flocks of varying size. It wanders widely in search of food, frequenting thickets of mountain ash and sumach, where it finds abundant supplies of the diet it requires. It also feeds upon the seeds of pines and weeds.

The pine grosbeak is said to be a fearless and rather stupid bird, and very easy of approach, often being caught in butterfly nets. The song is prolonged and melodious, and the call note a clear whistle.

The nest is in evergreen trees a few feet from the ground, and is made of twigs and rootlets lined with fine materials. The eggs are three or four, and of a pale greenish-blue, spotted with brown and lilac.

Scientific name: *Pinicola enucleator.*

Length: *8½ inches.*

Range: Breeds in the northern parts of Europe, Asia, and North America. In eastern North America migrates irregularly southward in winter.

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